

# NECP Goal Two Assessment La Paz County

## Community, Observer & Staff Perspectives



Public Safety Interoperable  
Communications Office



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# Community Perspectives



**Lt. Curt Bagby**

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# Event Description



## Best in the Desert Parker 425 Off Road Race

- This event marked the 40th year that the Parker area has hosted an off-road race along the Colorado River.
- More than 200 of the world's fastest racers and the most technologically advanced off-road race vehicles participated.
- At 7:15 AM Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the first race vehicle roared down the starting line on California Ave. in the middle of downtown Parker, Arizona.
- The race track spanned more than 125 miles of terrain, and thousands of spectators, vendors and crew members were on hand.



[psic.org.gov/PSIC](http://psic.org.gov/PSIC)

# Event Preparation



Leading up to the event, there were numerous key planning meetings and calls.

- Weekly preparation meetings were conducted by Command staff starting in December and continuing through February.
- There were several conference calls and smaller group meetings among Command staff in the two months prior to the event.
- Meetings were also conducted with the PSIC Regional Interoperability Manager:
  - Late December: Planning meeting
  - Early January: Follow-up meeting
  - Early February: Teleconference with PSIC staff
  - Additional phone conversations were held as necessary

# Event Observation



## 14 Agencies and 3 Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) were involved:

- **Local:**

- Bouse Fire Department
- Buckskin Fire Department
- Parker Fire Department
- Parker Police Department
- Parker Public Works
- Quartzite Fire Department

- **Tribal:**

- C.R.I.T. Emergency Management
- C.R.I.T. Environmental Protection Office
- C.R.I.T. Fire Department
- C.R.I.T. Police Department

- **County:**

- La Paz County Public Works
- La Paz County Sheriff's Office

- **State:**

- Arizona Department of Public Safety

- **Federal:**

- Bureau of Land Management

- **NGOs:**

- Best In the Desert Racing Association
- Motorsport Safety Solutions
- River Medical Ambulance Company



## Event Observation, cont.



- Operational Period: Saturday, February 5, 2011, 6:00am to 9:00pm
- The observation assessed:
  - The ability of federal, State, local, and tribal emergency responders throughout La Paz County to exchange information as authorized to complete their missions
  - The capacity of individuals with primary operational leadership responsibility to manage resources and make timely decisions during an event involving multiple agencies
- An Incident Command Post was set up at the Parker Fire Department.
- Unified Command was established, and the Incident Commander and Deputy worked to ensure spectator and contestant safety by providing a coordinated effort for traffic/crowd control and medical response to ensure a safe and successful event for all participants.



# Getting Into the Spirit



- 1. Thou Shalt honor and use thine ICS Forms**
- 2. Create unto thee an IAP**
- 3. Go out into the world and propagate the use of the 217**
- 4. Thou Shalt be faithful unto the use of the TIC-P**
- 5. Thou Shalt not speaketh in 10-codes**

- 6. From the tops of the Mountains Thou Shalt cry "Unified Command"**
- 7. Thou Shall believeth in and follow all NECP goals**
- 8. "7" Shall be the number of Span of Control, no more- no less.**
- 9. Thou Shalt make plentiful available channels and usable frequencies**
- 10. Thou Shalt not take \_\_\_\_\_'s name in vain.**



# Community Perspectives



- Lessons Learned During Preparation
  - Date of Event
    - What worked well?
    - What would you like to improve in the future?
- Recommendations to Other Communities Preparing for Assessment Events

# Observers



## **Michael Todd – Lead Observer**

Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

## **Andy Clark**

Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

## **Morgan Hoaglin**

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

## **Jeremy Knoll**

AZ Department of Public Safety, Wireless Systems Bureau

## **Jason Roosevelt**

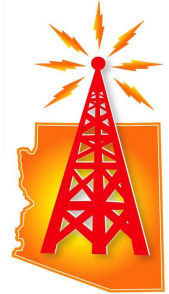
City of Phoenix Fire Department

# Key Observer Perspectives



- Observer Training helped us understand our roles and responsibilities and the elements being assessed.
- Experience from NECP Goal One Assessments and familiarity with the OEC evaluation tool contributed to the success of the observation methodology.
- Pre-event preparation was coordinated by the Lead Observer and mapped to the needs of the specific event.
- During the event, observers rotated at intervals with key responders to several areas:
  - Incident Command Post
  - Operations (located in the Toad 4 Mobil Command Unit)
  - Various tactical locations spread out among the event area
- The assessment provided an outreach opportunity for observers to interface with the County's Public Safety personnel.

# Observer Perspectives



## Recommendations to Communities Preparing for Assessment Events

## Staff Perspectives



- A detailed update regarding the overall NECP Goal 2 Assessment Project was presented to SIEC Today
- A copy of that presentation is in Commissioner Packets
- Once you have a chance to review, please send any comments/questions to:

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